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S&D Seminar on the European Diplomatic Academy Programme

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Global crises and challenges to the rules-based international order, such as Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine, are some of the most pressing issues for EU foreign and security policy that require effective European diplomacy. To become a fully-fledged global player, the EU must equip itself with a genuinely "EU" diplomatic service determined by a common EU diplomatic culture. The EU pilot project for a European Diplomatic Academy aims to introduce new momentum into the debate on the future of EU foreign policy. As a promoter and staunch supporter of the project, S&D proposes to discuss the contribution of the European Diplomatic Academy to a clear, visible and effective EU foreign policy and its further prospects.

14:00	Welcome by Nacho Sánchez Amor, S&D Member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs (AFET)
14:05-14:15	Opening and introductory remarks by Pedro Marques, S&D Vice-President for Foreign Affairs, and Tonino Picula, S&D Coordinator for the Committee on Foreign Affairs (AFET)
14:15-15:00	 Panel discussion: Building the European Diplomatic Academy: A work in progress Federica Mogherini, Rector of the College of Europe, former High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Fernando Gentilini, European External Action Service (EEAS) Sabina Lange, Senior Lecturer at the European Institute of Public Administration (EIPA), Maastricht James Moran, Associate Senior Research Fellow with the Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS), Brussels, former EU Ambassador
15:00-15:45	Discussion with Members of the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the audience
15:45-16:00	Conclusions by S&D Member Nacho Sánchez Amor